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RESPONSE

This is in response to the Official Action issued in
connection with the above-identified patent application.

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Claims 1-53 stand subject to a restriction requirement under 35 USC §121 as follows:

Group I - Claims 1-10, drawn to an apparatus for generating a mask, classified in class 118, subclass 500+; and

Group II - Claims 11-53, drawn to a method for generating a mask, classified in class 438, subclass 200+.

In response, Applicant hereby elects, without prejudice, to prosecute the invention of Group II, claims 11-53, drawn to a method for generating a mask.

Applicant expressly reserves the right to prosecute all non-elected subject matter in related applications.

Respectfully submitted,



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